

PLANS MADE TO RUN T. R. FOR PRESIDENT

Colonel Confers with Leaders, Who Expect to Force Him Upon the American People.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., March 25.—The natural trend of events with a little acceleration on the side is counted upon to make Theodore Roosevelt the Republican Presidential winner.

Following a conference between Col. Roosevelt and George W. Perkins in New York today, it was learned that the Progressive leaders feel President Wilson is just now doing all that is necessary for the present to give the Roosevelt movement the proper impetus. The progress of events in Mexico, it is believed, will ultimately awaken American spirit that will make the Roosevelt movement irresistible.

In addition to conferring with Mr. Perkins, Col. Roosevelt also talked today with Horace Wilkinson, the Syracuse Progressive chieftain.

Both conferences were held at the residence of Dr. Richard Derby, Col. Roosevelt's son-in-law. After the conferences the former President journeyed here by train to his Sagamore Hill estate.

On the train and upon his arrival here, he refused to discuss the subject of his conferences in New York. It can be broadly stated, however, that Col. Roosevelt's return to the United States the campaign to make him the joint Republican-Progressive nominee, is now fully under way. The Trinidad statement is to be the platform. The tests which Col. Roosevelt's friends have set for themselves is to awaken the American people to that "heroic attitude" referred to by the colored which will force those who may control the Republican National Convention to nominate him, come what may.

Col. Roosevelt will not discuss the subject, but his friends and supporters are going ahead on the basis that what he means by "heroic attitude" is an awakening on the part of the whole people to a better and broader and more militant Americanism. This Americanism will demand a thorough national preparedness for peace as well as for war, a deeper respect for national honor, and a firmer report of official responsibilities on the part of those who are entrusted with the administration of affairs.

AMERICANS LOSE LIVES ON TORPEDOED VESSEL

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up a temporary contrivance, but it failed to work well and when it did work, he gave the wrong location to would-be rescuers.

Miss Gertrude Warren, of New York and St. Louis, was one of those who saw the torpedo before it hit the Sussex. She said tonight:

"I was sitting on the upper deck, reading, when commotion caused me to look seaward. There I saw a ripple on the water, showing the track of the incoming torpedo. I shrieked a warning but simultaneously there was a terrific explosion.

"A column of water rose high above the boat and crashed on the deck. The missile tore at least twenty-five feet of the deck away.

"The captain immediately shouted an order to close the watertight compartments. Fortunately, the fore bulkheads kept the steamer afloat.

"Miss Baldwin, who was seated on the fore part of the upper deck, was hit by the full force of the explosion. I saw her mangled body rise high in the air. It fell back on the deck with a sickening thud. She had been killed outright.

"There was an instant rush for the boats by some of the passengers, who themselves cut the boats clear. Unfortunately, a number of people jumped into the water, mostly women, which accounts for the loss of life.

"Many hours passed before aid came, this being due to the fact that the explosion put the wireless out of action. Eventually, a trawler took us off. Then a destroyer came along and conveyed other passengers, mostly wounded, to England.

"Miss Baldwin, in his statement filed at the American Embassy, says: 'I was on deck at the time. The weather was clear and beautiful. I saw a torpedo coming toward the steamer. The wake was plainly and unmistakably visible.'

Some Immediately Killed.

"The moment it reached us there was a terrific explosion. Many persons were blown into the water. I saw some killed before my eyes. 'Rafts and boats were lowered. I climbed upon a raft. Some persons were drowned about me. I was picked up by a lifeboat. Many persons were injured.'

"Daniel Sargent, of Boston, who was on his way to Paris to take up his duties with the American ambulance, said: 'The explosion caused several casualties that I saw. George Crocker, Jr., of Pittsburgh, had a badly gashed skull, and lay on the deck eight hours unconscious, till he was taken off by a British destroyer. With him went his brother, Charles Crocker, who was unhurt.

"An American girl, whose name I am not sure of, was killed outright by the explosion. Samuel F. Bemis had a narrow escape. He was tossed overboard and was in the water for a long time before he was picked up by the boat.

Women Helps Row Boat.

"Mrs. Henry S. Beer, of New York, found herself in boat with others. She herself took an oar and helped row the boat for several hours till they were picked up. T. W. Cuthbertson, of Philadelphia, a young Rhodes scholar named Penfield from Princeton, and Miss Hale, from New York, were also rescued.

In view of the depositions by Bemis, Cuthbertson and Hearley filed with the American Embassy stating that the ship was torpedoed without warning, the Ambassador has telegraphed instructions to the American Consul at Boulogne to institute a thorough investigation. It was stated at the Embassy that it is not known whether the Sussex was armed.

Ambassador Sharpe was for a time alarmed for the safety of Secretary Robert Woods Bliss and his wife, who were believed to be aboard. Subsequently it was learned that they had changed their minds at the last moment and had returned to Paris by the Southampton-Havre route.

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JESS WILLARD STILL CHAMPION OF WORLD

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landed one of his swings. In the mixup which followed, the champion had all the best of it and soon had Moran backing up.

Moran was swinging like a gate. He missed five in succession, while Willard jabbed him at will with his left to the face. Moran, however, showed considerable cleverness in the manner he would cover up after missing a swing. Easily Willard's round.

In the third round Willard sent a hard right to Moran's head, which came near setting the fight there and there. It was learned later that this blow hurt Willard more than it did Moran, as it was here his right hand was injured. Willard laughed at Moran's wild swings, and both men were strong at the finish of the round.

Willard Wakes Up.
In the fourth Willard showed for the first time how well he could fight if he wished to, and used his left and right at will on Moran's face and body. It was all Willard's round.

Moran's gameness aroused the admiration of the spectators, but his defense was woefully weak. Moran kept trying, but it was a slow round.

In the fifth round, Willard shook Moran up with body punches, but did not follow up his advantage.

Willard forced the fighting in the seventh round, while Moran tried to cover up, he was badly cut over his left eye, and covered with blood before the round was half over. Moran's gameness aroused admiration, while he was out-swinged and out-fought, but he was trying to land his right swing on Willard's head, but he could not connect.

There is little that can be said of the last three rounds except that Moran kept boring in, while Willard shook him up with jabs and uppercuts whenever and wherever he pleased.

Willard Ends Fighting.

A terrific left blow to Moran's body ended the fight in the tenth round. The last few moments of the fight were fiercely fought, being marked by a succession of body and face blows by both men.

At one time just before the end it looked as though Moran had cornered, his opponent. Moran rushed in and banged Willard three times in a half clinch. The rapidity of the blows sent Willard to the ropes, with Moran following him, poised for another right jab.

Suddenly Willard regained his balance and shot a long left swing to Moran's stomach. The blow checked the attack of the challenger. Willard quickly followed up this jab with two uppercuts. Moran's last blow was a right smash on the big champion's jaw. Aroused by the blow, Jess shot out his left. Moran was caught off his guard, the blow landed squarely and the fight was over.

The detailed story of the fight, round by round, will be found on page 12.

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10,000 Eager Fight Fans Hear News of Battle in Front of Herald Office

Gigantic, But Orderly, Crowd Cheers Each Blow as Story of Willard-Moran Bout Was Received by Special Wire from Ringside.

An eager crowd of more than 10,000 prizefight enthusiasts thronged the street in front of the office of The Washington Herald last night to hear the returns from the Willard-Moran pugilistic battle in New York City.

As the fight was graphically described in detail by a megaphone operator at an upper window in The Herald office, the vast throng cheered and shouted, and hurrahed, and waved arms, and danced in glee, as though they were at the ringside actually witnessing every blow dealt by the sturdy contestants.

Since The Herald was the only newspaper in the city to give out returns from the battle, the crowd that massed in front of the building was of gigantic proportion. Eleventh street was packed solidly from building line to building line, the crowd extending from E street almost to Pennsylvania avenue.

Report Comes Hot from Ringside.
A corps of special correspondents were at the ringside to flash by telegraph the account of every blow that was struck. A special wire led direct from the scene of the fight to the second floor of The Herald office. As the report from each round came over the wire, it was snatched from the telegraph operator's typewriter and hurried by messenger boy to the window, where Samuel M. Flax, the megaphone man, was stationed to tell the story to the throng.

Although the fight did not start until about 9:30 o'clock, the crowd began to assemble shortly after 7 o'clock. By 8:30 o'clock it had reached such proportions that a request had to be sent to the First police precinct for policemen to hold the eager crowd in check. Under Capt. Charles T. Peck the detail of policemen maintained perfect order.

Perfect Order Maintained.
Not an accident, nor even the slightest trouble came to the attention of the bluecoats, despite the fact that the throng was one of the largest that ever gathered in front of a Washington newspaper office.

Following the announcement of each blow struck by the contestants cheers went up from the multitude, which was composed of both men and women, white and colored, old and young. The sympathies of the colored portion of the crowd were decidedly with Moran and they hurrahed with zest each time the megaphone man announced that Willard, the conqueror of their hero, Jack Johnson, had been dealt a telling blow.

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